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HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
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To: Approved Trauma Facilities
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Subject: Supplemental Payments for Qualified Trauma Cases: Increase in the Enhancement Percentage for Physician-Related Services in SFY2007 and Additional Payment to Clinicians for Trauma Care Provided in SFY2004

Effective for dates of service on and after November 1, 2006, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) will increase the percentage enhancement applied to the supplemental payments for physician-related services provided to HRSA clients in major trauma cases. The enhancement percentage will be increased from 250% to 275%. Further, HRSA is making an additional payment to clinicians for trauma care provided in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2004.

These changes do not affect supplemental payments from the Trauma Care Fund (TCF) to approved trauma service centers.

Increase in Payment Enhancement Percentage for Clinicians in SFY 2007

HRSA makes supplemental payments from the TCF to hospitals and clinical providers for the services they provide in trauma cases that meet the criteria in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 388-550-5450 (for hospital services) and WAC 388-531-2000 (for physician-related services). HRSA monitors TCF payments and makes necessary rate adjustments to ensure that total payments from the TCF during each state fiscal year (SFY) equal but do not exceed the legislative appropriation.

Effective with dates of service on and after November 1, 2006, HRSA will increase the enhancement percentage applied to payments to physicians and other clinicians for services provided to HRSA clients in qualifying trauma cases. HRSA is taking this action because disbursements in SFY 2007 from the TCF for physician-related services is lower than expected. HRSA hopes the increase in payment will encourage more physicians and other clinical providers to participate in the statewide Trauma Care Network.

Additional TCF Payment to Clinicians for Trauma Care Provided to HRSA Clients in SFY 2004

When supplemental funding for trauma care services was reinstated by the legislature beginning July 1, 2003, HRSA conservatively set the enhancement percentage for payments to physicians and other clinicians for qualifying trauma cases at 250% of the amount listed in HRSA published fee schedules. This resulted in HRSA's TCF allotment for physicians to be under spent in SFY 2004. HRSA is distributing the remainder of the TCF allotment among all physicians and clinicians who provided qualifying trauma services to HRSA clients in SFY 2004, and received TCF payment from HRSA for those services.

The additional payment to participating clinicians for SFY 2004 is in the form of a gross adjustment. The actual payment each eligible provider receives is based on the amount HRSA paid that particular provider for qualifying trauma services provided to HRSA clients in SFY2004. This amount is expressed as a percentage of the total payment HRSA made to physicians and other clinicians for qualifying trauma care they provided to HRSA clients during that service year.

This gross adjustment appeared in the Remittance Advices of affected providers on or after October 2, 2006. It is identified with EOB 0355, "Additional payment for trauma services in SFY 2004."

Reminder: Supplemental payments for qualified trauma cases apply to fee-for-service claims only, not to managed care.

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